

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently amended) A credit card management method comprising:
registering credit card identification information and credit limits corresponding to the transaction type in a second storing unit, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit;
receiving the credit card identification information and store identification information as well as a credit amount;
extracting a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from a first storing unit which stores the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;
extracting the credit card identification information and ~~a one of the credit limit limits~~ corresponding to the transaction type from ~~a the~~ second storing unit ~~which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type~~; and
making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server.
wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server, and when the credit amount is not more than ~~an the~~ internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

2. (Currently amended) A program which allows a computer to execute the operations of:
registering credit card identification information and credit limits corresponding to the transaction type in a second storing unit, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet

credit limit

receiving the credit card identification information and store identification information as well as a credit amount;

extracting a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from a first storing unit which stores the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a storing code;

extracting the credit card identification information and ~~a~~ one of the credit limit ~~limits~~ corresponding to the transaction type from ~~a~~ the second storing unit ~~which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type~~; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server,

wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server, and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

3. (Currently amended) A credit card management device, comprising:

a first storing unit which stores transaction types corresponding to store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

a second storing unit which stores credit card identification information and a credit ~~limit~~ limits corresponding to the transaction type, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit;

a unit which receives the credit card identification information and the store identification information together with a credit amount;

a unit which extracts the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from the first storing unit;

a unit which extracts the credit card identification information and ~~a~~ one of the credit limit ~~limits~~ corresponding to the transaction type from ~~a~~ the second storing unit; and

a unit which makes a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the

internet store server,

wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

4. (Currently amended) A computer readable recording medium which stores a program that executes the operations of:

registering credit card identification information and credit limits corresponding to the transaction type in a second storing unit, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit; receiving the credit card identification information and store identification information as well as a credit amount;

extracting a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from a first storing unit which stores the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

extracting the credit card identification information and ~~a one of the credit limit limits~~ corresponding to the transaction type from ~~a the~~ the second storing unit ~~which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type;~~ and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server

wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

5. (Currently amended) A credit card management method comprising:

registering credit card identification information and credit limits corresponding to the transaction type in a storing unit, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit;

receiving the credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or

a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

extracting the credit card identification information and ~~a~~ one of the credit ~~limit~~ limits corresponding to the transaction type from ~~a~~ the storing unit ~~which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type~~; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server.

wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than ~~an~~ the internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

6. (Currently amended) A program which allows a computer to execute the operations of:

registering credit card identification information and credit limits corresponding to the transaction type in a storing unit, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit;

receiving the credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

extracting the credit card identification information and ~~a~~ one of the credit ~~limit~~ limits corresponding to the transaction type from ~~a~~ the storing unit ~~which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type~~; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server.

wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than ~~an~~ the internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

7. (Currently amended) A credit card management device comprising:
a unit which receives credit card identification information and a transaction type as well

as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

a unit which extracts credit card identification information and ~~a credit limit~~ limits corresponding to the transaction type from a storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit ~~limit~~ limits corresponding to the transaction type, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit; and

a unit which makes a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server,

wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than ~~an~~ the internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

8. (Currently amended) A computer readable recording medium which stores a program that executes the operations of:

registering credit card identification information and credit limits corresponding to the transaction type in a storing unit, the credit limits being normal credit limit and internet credit limit; receiving the credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

extracting the credit card identification information and ~~a one of the credit limit~~ limits corresponding to the transaction type the from a storing unit ~~which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type~~; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit, and whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, wherein, when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than ~~an~~ the internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

9. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving credit card identification information, store identification information and a credit amount;

determining a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being one of a service request from a store terminal and a service request from an Internet store server having a store code;

determining whether the credit amount is within a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type and the credit card identification information, the credit limit being one of a normal credit limit and an internet credit limit;

determining whether the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server; and

updating the internet credit limit to an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit when the store identification information corresponds to the store code of the internet store server, and the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and the credit amount is not more than the internet credit limit.